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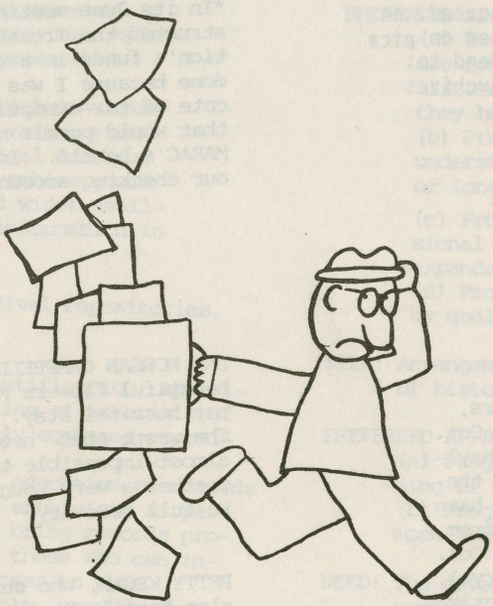
MARAC AND THE CIVIL WAR

MARAC's 350 members will gather this spring at Fredericksburg, Virginia. They will smell the magnolia blossoms, renew old friendships, and study a Civil War Battle that took place there 116 years ago.

In December 1862, Lee's badly outnumbered gray line turned back wave after wave of Burnside's best troops. They inflicted heavy casualties. On April 28-29, 1978, the Virginians, once again outnumbered, will impress MARAC members from the other six states and the District of Columbia with how well they can run a MARAC meeting.



Virginia's two generals will be "Dandy" Arnold Brown, handling local arrangements, and "Gentleman" Jim Sweeney, who has put together an impressive number of speakers.

Site of the "conflict" will be the Sheraton complex of fun and sun off Highway I-95, just west of town. Its sleeping rooms, conference rooms, and catering service promise one of the best meetings ever. After a couple of false starts, the hotel has assured "Dandy" Arnold that all is in readiness. Their finest service awaits us. The hotel is easily accesible by car. Additional information about bus, rail, and air travel to Fredericksburg will appear by separate mailing. But if you wish to call early, their number is (703) 386-8321.

"Gentleman" Jim Sweeney will hold the right flank in the face of the Yankee onslought. Assisted by fellow Virginians Tony Crawford, Kay Domine, and Mike Plunkett, Sweeney has called upon Civil War Historians Robert Krick of the Fredericksburg National Battlefield and Mike Musik of the National Archives to chat about Confederate records; and Tony Crawford and Bill Cunliffe to speak on modern military records.

Of course, the program features basic sessions, a MARAC mainstay. These will focus on Finding Aids (Arthur Breton); Arrangement of Manuscripts (Ron Becker and John Knowles); Arrangement of College Archives (Karen Paul); Photographs (John Reynolds); and an Exhibits Workshop (Nancy Malan). A very current subject, Archival Education, will be discussed by three scholars from the field: Lawrence J. McCrank, University of Maryland; and Dick Lytle and James Glenn, Smithsonian Institution Archives.

A formal program brochure will be mailed to MARAC members before April.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Karen Paul, chairing this year's Nominations Committee, needs two names for each state representative position - sixteen in all - to propose a slate to the membership. If you have any suggestions contact Karen by February 20 at Alderman Library, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, 22901.

Ballots will be mailed to the members March 1st.

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The mid-atlantic-archivist is an occasional publication of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (MARAC). MARAC membership includes all interested individuals who live and work in the seven states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. MARAC seeks to promote the professional welfare of its members, cooperates with and exchanges information among individuals interested in the preservation and use of archival research and methodology, provides a forum for matters of common concern, is a clearinghouse for and an active participant in joint ventures and cooperative projects, and cooperates with other organizations having similar objectives. Individual membership dues are $3.00 per annum. Membership is not open to institutions, but institutions may purchase subscriptions to the mid-atlantic archivist for $3.00 per annum. Write: Martha C. Slotten, MARAC Secretary, Library, Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania 17013. Items submitted for maa should be single-spaced, no indentation, in columns 4 1/2" wide, written on pica type, double-spaced between paragraphs. Send to: Donald F. Harrison, maa Editor, National Archives (NNR), Washington, D.C. 20408.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS FROM THE SECRETARY

As of mid-December, MARAC boasts 350 members, both new and renewed, a 48% increase since Oct. 28. The largest number of members are Pennsylvanians, 80 in all, with 62 from New York, the next largest delegation. Nineteen members have joined from 11 states outside MARAC and 5 from Canada. The membership year now begins on Oct. 1; the directory should come out by February 1, and you will only receive it and the quarterly mid-atlantic archivist if you are a member in good standing. Back issues of maa are in short supply, but if available, can be purchased for $1 each from the secretary.

If your institution is sending a check to MARAC for your membership, please see that your membership form accompanies it. Otherwise we can only list your institution as a member. We will try to include a membership form in each issue of the newsletter so that you can use it to solicit more members for MARAC. The fact that you are receiving this issue indicates that your dues are paid for 1977-78.

Martha C. Slotten
Secretary
MARAC

TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME:	
Cash on hand 1 August 1977	3,715.96
Memberships (162 @ $3.00)	486.00
Income from Atlantic City Conference	199.54
Deposits for trasnfer (bus trip)	30.00
	4,431.50
DISBURSEMENTS	
Cash advance for Oglebay Park Meeting	300.00
Postage (Newsletter)	19.00
Postage (Secretary)	63.00
Travel for Executive Committee	28.80
Printing of membership applications	11.50
Banking expenses (check book, rubber stamp)	14.77
Misc. transfer of funds (bus trip)	30.00
	467.08
BALANCE ON HAND 25 OCTOBER 1977	$3,964.43*

*In its June meeting the MARAC Executive Committee instructed the Treasurer to deposit 75% of the organization's funds in a savings account. This has not been done because I was neither able to produce the certificate of tax-exemption nor a satisfactory constitution that would permit me to apply for such certificate on MARAC's behalf. In consequence all funds remain in our checking account at Fidelity Bank, Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter J. Parker
Treasurer

ANN MORGAN CAMPBELL sent "many thanks" for the beautiful flowers MARAC sent to cheer her during her hospital stay. They meant a great deal to her. She wrote that "hearing from friends during this almost-impossible time has made it possible to weather a very tough time." Ann is well on the way to full recovery.

BETTY KEGAN, who suffered a recent heart attack, is also happily on the mend.

MICROFILM RECORDS RESTORED

Microfilm records of the Pennsylvania Electric Company, damaged in the July 1977 Johnstown flood have been restored. The microfilm was shipped to the Eastman Kodak laboratories in containers filled with fresh water to prevent any acids, chemicals, or silt in the flood waters from scratching the film. Restoration involved washing the film, bathing it in a hardening solution, and drying it before returning it to the company.

Submitted by: Robert J. Plowman
Federal Archives and Records Center
Philadelphia

FALL BUSINESS MEETING
OCT. 28, 1977

The MARAC business meeting was called to order by Chairperson Barbara Hearn at Oglebay Park Lodge in Wheeling, West Virginia, at 4:00 PM on Friday, Oct. 28, 1977.

She announced that flowers from MARAC were sent to SAA Executive Director Ann Morgan Campbell who was recuperating from an automobile accident.

Peter Parker reported on his attendance at the SAA meeting in Salt Lake City where he helped host our MARAC exhibit.

It was agreed that we support the steering committee's recommendation to co-sponsor with SAA a proposed 5 day workshop in our area for archivists. This will be held during the first nine months of 1978; we would provide suggestions for staff and site with financial support to be provided by SAA.

Leonard Rapport, Frederic Miller and Adele Neuberger were elected as representatives to the nominating committee from the membership to join Edith James and Karen Paul who were chosen from the steering committee.

Secretary Martha Slotten reported that we have 168 members to date although a reminder for renewal is to be sent out soon.

The treasurer's report submitted by Peter Parker and accepted is appended. Peter had explored the issue of non-profit status with IRS and reported that there is no tax for organizations like ours on income under $5,000. He moved the establishment of the membership year from Oct. 1 - Sept. 30 and this carried.

Bob Devlin reported for the By-laws Revision Committee and presented the following resolution to clarify our non-profit status which would enable us to secure cheaper mailing rates:

"In view of requirements of the IRS and the USPS, the steering committee recommends that the following resolution be adopted:

A constitution is hereby adopted for an organization to be called the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference and this Constitution when adopted will supercede the by-laws of the existing organization of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference. Said constitution upon adoption will be distributed to the membership."

Adoption of the resolution and the constitution was moved and carried. The constitution is appended to these minutes.

Ruth Sternfeld reported for the ad hoc membership committee which included Peter Parker, Martha Slotten and Paul Perkus who met in August in New York. The committee's recommended changes or additions to the practices already carried out by the secretary include:

1. Creating new solicitation forms and indicating renewal or new member status and change of address as well as noting dates of membership year.
2. Solicitations for renewal or joining will be sent by the secretary in August or September; reminder mailed in November; names or unrenewed members will be purged from the list in December preparatory to publishing a directory in January.
3. The mid-atlantic-archivist will carry a membership form and when our mailing permit is secured, all mailings will be sent from Washington, D.C., where the permit is to be issued.
4. The person who is preparing the mailing labels, having received updated corrections, removals and names of new members from the secretary is to send updated labels twice a year in June and January to Don Harrison who will be responsible for mailing. This, of course shifts much of the mailing burden from the state representatives to Washington.
5. New members who join at the spring meeting will have a bonus of a membership extended through the following membership year (to September 30 of the following year.

Mary Boccaccio reported that she is always ready to receive materials for the MARAC archives. She also noted that the Paul Mucci notes to be edited by Boccaccio and Strassberg will perhaps be ready for publication at the end of the year.

Leonard Rapport reported for the Custer committee that their committee has nothing to report but expects to be more active. Their notice advertising the award is appended.

The spring Fredericksburg meeting will be held at the Sheraton in Fredericksburg, Virginia, on April 28-29 with Arnold Brown as chairperson of local arrangements and Jim Sweeney chairperson of the program committee which includes Jodie Bennett, Tony Crawford, Kay Domine, Edith James, Mike Plunkett, Willie Ray, Jon Reynolds, Carolyn Sung, and Sylvie Turner. Jim Sweeney reviewed advance program plans.

Under new business affectionate concern was expressed for Betty Kegan, who recently suffered a heart attack.

A vote for a fall 1978 MARAC meeting in Baltimore carried. A suggestion was made that our proposed future meeting in New York might be carried out jointly with the New England or Lake Ontario archivists since the meeting with the Ohio Archivists had been so successful.

It was agreed that no. 3 of the former by-laws should conform with the membership report in the new constitution.

Larry Hackman suggested that the secretary write to Congressman Alan Ertel and John Brademas and Senators Gaylord Nelson and Claiborne Pell, all "interested" and potentially receptive members to the following resolution adopted:

"The Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference hereby endorses the recommendations contained in the majority report of the National Study Commission of Records and Documents of Federal Officials and urges the Commission to adopt, where appropriate, legislation to implement these recommendations."

A final resolution mandated a new order on MARAC T-shirts while a subsequent motion requiring that all members wear them floundered for want of a second!

Respectfully submitted,
Martha C. Slotten
Secretary

INSTITUTIONAL NEWS

Please send Institutional News to::
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Washington, D.C. 20002.

PEOPLE

CAROLYN SUNG has left the Manuscripts Division having accepted a promotion to Assistant Chief Bibliographic Services at the Library of Congress.

LUCY FISHER WEST has accepted the editorship of the M. Carey Thomas Papers at the Canaday Library, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Richard J. Cox, Manuscripts Librarian/ Library Coordinator of the Maryland Historical Society, has left that position to become Records Management Officer for Baltimore City. Mrs. Cynthia Requardt has assumed the duties of Manuscripts Librarian at the Society.

BOB NAWROCKI is now Archivist II - Records Manager at the New Jersey State Archives in Trenton.

ROBERT E. WILSON has left his position as Project Director for the Pittsburgh Council on Higher Education's Ethnic Resource Inventory and has accepted the position of Archivist at Old Economy Museum, Ambridge, Pennsylvania.

TOM MILLS, formerly with the New York State Archives, is now senior archivist for the Brooklyn Rediscovery Project of the Brooklyn Educational and Cultural Alliance.

PROJECTS AND EVENTS

CANISIUS COLLEGE has updated from 1973-77 a brief summary produced by the Archives entitled: "Datelines: Canisius College - 1870-1972." This is intended as a handy reference for newcomers and contains names of the Presidents of the College, dates of cornerstone layings, statistics on numbers of faculty and students and other short announcements of especially noteworthy events, such as appointments of key personnel. The college has also produced an exhibit on student activities and dramatic productions.

A New York Historical Resources Center is being planned at CORNELL UNIVERSITY with its first objective to develop a computerized index pinpointing the location of manuscript and archival collections, artifacts, documents, photographs, genealogical materials, architectural records, and other historical information bearing on New York State. Supported by a $17,000 grant from National Endowment for the Humanities and a $2000 grant from the New York State Council on the Arts, the center will provide both scholars and the general public with greater access to the materials illustrative of the state's history. G. David Brumberg, formerly director of the Geneva (N.Y.) Historical Society has been hired as full-time director of the project.

On October 3, HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA began work on an NEH - supported project to prepare a third edition of its Guide to Manuscripts. The second edition, which appeared in 1949, described 1611 collections. Since then, the Society has added 445 new collections to its holdings and has assumed responsibility for the manuscript collections of its neighbor, the Library Company of Philadelphia; both groups will be described in the new guide which is scheduled for publication in 1980. Linda Stanley, on leave from the Society's Manuscript Department, is Senior Processor. She is assisted by Erika J. Thickman, from the archival program at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, and Lowell T. Young, an alumnus of Dolores Renze's program at the University of Denver. Marc Gallicchio, formerly research assistant with the Papers of Martin Van Buren, has accepted a temporary appointment in the Manuscript Department to replace Ms. Stanley.

The ROCKEFELLER ARCHIVE CENTER in Pocantico Hills, New York, is featured in the Smithsonian magazine for September, 1977.

NEW YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The New York Historical Society is a valuable research library for countless topics in American history from the age of discovery and exploration to the end of the nineteenth century. The manuscript collection contains one of the largest collections in the country of Revolutionary War orderly books and the collection of diaries and letters written by New Yorkers in the Civil War is outstanding. There are papers of James Alexander, Cadwallader Colden, James Duane, Albert Gallatin, Horatio Gates, Rufus King, John Lamb, Robert R. Livingston and Alexander, among others, as well as the complete manuscript diaries of Philip Hone and George Templeton Strong.

A strong collection of rare books especially relating to early New York, and other American imprints, is available, as well as collections of Indian captivities, travel accounts, Pre-Civil War American literature, and biographies and autobiographies. Related seventeenth and eighteenth century English publications are well represented.

The extensive pamphlet collection begins with the Colonial and Revolutionary periods and continues through the Civil War. It is one of the largest ever assembled on American slavery and abolition. The Civil War collection, particularly regimental histories, is most comprehensive, as is the collection of naval history which includes the library of the Naval Historical Society.

The history of twentieth century New York is collected as comprehensively as possible. Thousands of ephemeral items - over 10,000 items on New York hotels alone - are preserved in addition to formal histories of all kinds, official documents, directories, guide books, and the publications of patriotic, political, religious and cultural organizations.

The Library has the fourth largest collection of original issues of newspapers published in the United States before 1820. The specialty is New York City newspapers beginning with Bradford's New York Gazette and continuing to the present. There are also periodicals, maps, prints, photographs, post cards and stereographs. The Bella C. Landauer Collection of Business and Professional Literature contains thousands of trade cards, handbills, posters, lithographs, catalogues and other items illustrating the history of American business through advertising.

The Library is open from 10AM to 5 PM Tuesday through Saturday and certain holidays. Summer hours are slightly different. There is a modest fee of $1.00 for non-members.

THE COMMITTEE FOR THE PRESERVATION OF ARCHITECTURAL RECORDS

The Committee for the Preservation of Architectural Records was organized in 1973 by a group of architectural historians, librarians, preservationists, architects, archivists and museum curators who gathered in New York and addressed themselves to the problems of locating and making accessible architectural records in America. An initial grant from the Architectural League of New York and another from the New York State Council on the Arts enabled the Committee to begin a guide to architectural resources in the five boroughs of New York City, to make a mail survey of over 6000 institutions in the state to learn whether they held architectural records, and to publish a quarterly newsletter. A two year grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities allowed the Committee to continue its work in New York, to expand to a national organization, and to begin a national catalogue of architectural records in American collections. Any additions to this catalogue or index will be gratefully received. Please send information to : Catha Grace Rambusch, Executive Director, Committee for the Preservation of Architectural Records, Inc., 15 Gramercy Park South, New York, N.Y. 10003.

ARCHIVAL WORKSHOPS

The National Archives will offer "Going to the Source: An Introduction to Research in Archives" January 16-19, 1978. The four day workshop will focus on archival resources and how to use them, access, manuscripts, and finding aids. There will also be presentations on audiovisual and cartographic archives and microfilm.

For further information contact:

Elsie Freivogel
Education Division
National Archives and Records Service
Washington, D.C. 20408

The Society of American Archivists will present two workshops on the care of historical records: acquisition, description, conservation, and use of archives and manuscripts. The Society of Southwest Archivists will co-sponsor the workshop at the Texas State Library, February 12-17, 1978. The New England Archivists will co-sponsor the workshop at Mt. Holyoke College, Amherst, Massachusetts, April 30-May 5, 1978.

For further information contact:

Society of American Archivists
P.O. Box 8198
Chicago, Illinois 60680

NHPRC GRANTS

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission met on November 17-18, 1977 and recommended program grants totaling $304,302. The following grants were made to MARAC area institutions:

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; $5,950 for three regional workshops for training in archival techniques for local historical societies.

The City of Saratoga Springs, New York; $5,501 to support the development of the city's archival program.

The City of Buffalo, New York; $19,028 for the microfilming of the Buffalo Common Council Minutes, 1832-1900, one of the most complete sets of extant council minutes for a major New York city.

Archives and History Bureau, New Jersey State Library, Trenton; $20,500 for the first year of a projected two-year project to survey county records of historical value in New Jersey and to develop improved programs from county records in the State.

Research Center for the Federal Theatre Project, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia; $3,621 for a project to survey, appraise, and accession selected materials in private hands relating to the Federal Theatre Project of the New Deal period.

The Albany Institute of History and Art, Albany, New York; $11,071 for an in-house program for conservation of archival and manuscript collections in the Institute's McKinney Library. The collections relate the history of the Albany area from 1614 to the present and especially to art and artists.

The Archives of Industrial Society at the University of Pittsburgh; $10,333 for the survey and appropriate accessioning of district records of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America. The national records of the union are already at the University of Pittsburgh.

Publication grants totaling $698,022 were recommended for continuing projects including the following MARAC area institutions:

Queens College of the City University of New York; $15,458 for the Papers of Robert Morris.

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission; $13,500 for the Papers of Henry Bouquet.

Smithsonian Institution; $27,497 for the microform edition of the Papers of John P. Harrington.

Smithsonian Institution; $15,806 for the Papers of Joseph Henry.

University of Pennsylvania; $47,500 for the microform edition of the Papers of General Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben.

Supreme Court Historical Society; $25,000 for the Documentary History of the Supreme Court of the United States, 1789-1800.

Bryn Mawr College; $32,015 for the microform edition of the Papers of M. Carey Thomas.

Cornell University; $54,000 for the Papers of the Marquis de Lafayette.

University of Virginia; $2,200 supplement to the Papers of James Madison.

The Commission also approved grants to the following MARAC area presses for support in publication of Commission-sponsored editions:

Princeton University Press; $2,300 for the Papers of Woodrow Wilson, Volume 13.

University Press of Virginia; $9100 for the Papers of George Washington, Diaries, Volume 3.

Cornell University Press; $10,000 for the publication of Lafayette in the Age of the American Revolution, Volume 1.

The Commission formally approved several changes in the administrative procedures and guidelines of its program to provide subvention grants to presses. The new program will introduce revised archival permanence standards for paper quality, printing, and binding; a three-year grant period for all awards under the program; the creation of an outside review board; new reporting requirements; and other administrative changes. The new guidelines will be available from the Commission office.

At its meeting on November 17-18, 1977, the Commission welcomed Congressman Richardson Preyer of North Carolina as its new member from the House of Representatives.

NEH GRANT TO CONSUMERS UNION

The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded Consumers Union an eighteen month grant to locate, identify, and make accessible materials relating to the history of consumerism and the consumer movement.

For further information contact:

Sybil Shainwald
Director
The Consumer Archives
Consumers Union
256 Washington Street
Mt. Vernon, New York
10550

HISTORICAL RECORDS IN THE UNITED STATES: A STATEMENT OF NATIONAL NEEDS

After extensive consultations with historical and archival groups and all State Historical Records Coordinators, the National Historical Publications and Records Commission has formally expressed for the first time its views of the major needs and preferred approaches for the preservation of historical records in the United States. Not a ranked listing of priorities for the Commission's grant program, the document expresses the Commission's general philosophy, especially regarding basic approaches to widespread problems.

The statement will be shared with Federal and state agencies and private foundations that support historical projects; with historical, archival, and other associations concerned with historical records; and with the Commission's State Historical Records Coordinators and Advisory Boards. The statement will also be part of the Commission's planned 1978 report to the President and the Congress in support of the NHPRC's request for continued funding authorization beyond fiscal year 1979.

In issuing this document, the Commission is carrying out its mandate to "cooperate with and encourage appropriate Federal, State and local agencies and nongovernmental institutions, societies, and individuals in collecting and preserving and, when it considers desirable, in editing and publishing the papers of outstanding citizens of the United States, and other documents as may be important for an understanding and appreciation of the history of the United States."

The seven major areas of need and the preferred approaches recommended by the Commission are as follows:

NEED: Programs to ensure the preservation of Historical records.

PREFERRED APPROACHES:

(a) Cooperative programs including state, regional, or other area-wide approaches whereby proficiency and equipment are made availavle to records respositories that need them.
(b) Programs which place the highest value on the informational content, rather than the artifact value, of historical records.
(c) Microfilm programs which combine goals of space saving, security, and wider availability with preservation of information in records.

NEED: Surveys of Records not in archival repositories.

PREFERRED APPROACHES:

(a) Programs combining the identification, appraisal, and appropriate accessioning of materials of historical value into adequately equipped repositories.
(b) Programs which include the education of records custodians who are not trained archivists as part of the survey effort and which bring records programsneeds to the attention of those who can influence their condition and access to them.
(c) Programs which, when possible, provide for future updating of survey data.

NEED: Guides to historical records in repositories in the United States.

PREFERRFD APPROACHES:

(a) First attention to guides at the collection/record group level rather than more detailed levels of description.
(b) Cooperative programs which make information available to the maximum number of users in the most inexpensive and accessible form.
(c) Information gathering and recording projects compatible with the automated national data base under development by the Commission.
(d) Submission of appropriate information to the National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections.

NEED: The education and training of archivists, records custodians, and historical agency administrators in the administration of historical records programs.

PREFERRED APPROACHES:

(a) Programs to improve the knowledge of those who are not professional archivists but who administer historical records or the repositories in which they have been deposited.
(b) Programs which will increase the concern and understanding of organizations which create records of long range value.
(c) Programs to increase the skills of professional archvists, especially in developing expanded records programs.
(d) Programs for training of beginning archivists by qualified instructors.

NEED: Arrangement, description, and archival processing of historical records.

PREFERRED APPROACHES:

(a) Programs which give first attention to processing of materials not now accessible to research.
(b) Programs which emphasize basic rather than more detailed archival controls and processes.

NEED: The development or improvement of system-wide records programs for state and local governments and for private records-creating organizations.

PREFERRED APPROACHES:

(a) Systematic records management programs, especially the development of retention schedules, linked to ongoing archival programs.
(b) Model programs which may be adopted system-wide or by comparable units.

NEED: Improved techniques and tools in all major areas of need.

PREFERRED APPROACHES:

(a) Research, testing, and demonstration programs which provide the maximum sharing of reports, plans plans, evaluations, standard forms and similar products with others who may find them useful.

COPYRIGHT LAW COLLOQUIUM

The SUNY Albany School of Library and Information Science will sponsor a two-day colloquium on the new copyright law and its legal, ethical, and practical implications, April 28-29, 1978. The colloquium will feature workshops, discussions, and a debate. Attendance is limited.

For further information contact:

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DEACIDIFICATION OF LAMINATED DOCUMENTS

The Barrow Restoration Workshop in Richmond, Virginia, has a new process for deacidifying materials which have already been laminated. Previously, such materials had to be delaminated, a difficult and expensive process, deacidifyied, and then relaminated. The new process is called pickeling. A laminated document is immersed in deacidification fluid, dried, and pressed. The new process is much quicker and more effective.

Inquiries can be directed to:

W. J. Barrow Restoration Workshop
Virginia State Library
Capitol and 11th Streets
Richmond, Virginia

ORAL HISTORY COURSES

The following MARAC area institutions will offer courses in collecting, analyzing, and using oral history:

Catholic University of America Graduate Library School. Betty McKeever Key. Spring 1978.

University of Maryland, College Park. History Department. Martha Ross. Spring 1978.

Community College of Baltimore, Social Science. Joan A. Anderson. January mini-session, 1978.

EARLY AMERICAN INDUSTRIES ASSOC. GRANTS-IN-AID

The Early American Industries Association, Inc.'s Board of Directors announces three non-renewable grants-in-aid of up to $750 to assist research or publication projects related to early American industries in the home, in the shop, on the farm, or on the sea. These grants may be used to supplement existing financial aid, scholarships, fellowships, or other awards.

For additional information and application forms contact:

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Grants-in-Aid Committee
Early American Industries Assoc.
The Winterthur Museum
Winterthur, Delaware 19735